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Scholar language

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"That white-haired bloke... Gerard? Gerwant?" — The actual name of this subject is conjectural or unknown.

> *Shilard Fitz-Oesterlen, Imperator Emhyr var Emreis's envoy, was accustomed to conducting conversations in diplomatic language, and adored larding his sentences with pompous linguistic oddities, comprehensible only to diplomats and scholars. Dijkstra had studied at the Academy of Oxenfurt, and although he had not been awarded the title of Master of Letters, he knew the basics of bombastic scholarly jargon. However, he was reluctant to use it, since he hated with a vengeance pomposity and all forms of pretentious ceremony.*
>
> - Sigismund Dijkstra's impression of the language, *Baptism of Fire*

The "**Scholar**", otherwise called the "**diplomatic**", is an ancient human language known by Nordling and Nilfgaardian scholars and lawyers. Social elites, such as kings, mages or ambassadors, tend to decorate their speech with Latin phrases to underline their erudition.[1][2][3]

It is used by doctors for their technical terminology.[4]

Dictionary

Scholar	English
non possumus[2]	no way (literally: we cannot)
prominentia laryngea[4]	laryngeal prominence (physical feature on male necks of humans, gnomes and dwarves; missing in elves and other hominids)
Regnum Caedvenie[4]	Kingdom of Kaedwen
Regnum Temeriae[2]	Kingdom of Temeria
sphera mundi[5]	world
sus scrofa nordlinga[6]	wild boar of the Northern Realms

Notes

- This language shares a dictionary with Latin. It is unclear whether is it intended to be **the** Latin from the in-universe Earth or just a fictional old language that is "translated" as Latin in the books and games.

References

1. ↑ *Baptism of Fire*
2. ↑ 2.0 2.1 2.2 *The Lady of the Lake*
3. ↑ *Season of Storms*
4. ↑ 4.0 4.1 4.2 *Crossroads of Ravens*
5. ↑ *The World of the Witcher*
6. ↑ *Hearts of Stone* expansion

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